



## Senate

General Assembly

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**File No. 327**

Senate Bill No. 157

*Senate, April 10, 2012*

The Committee on Human Services reported through SEN. MUSTO of the 22nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

***AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF A CHILD CARE FACILITY TO CONFORM WITH THE DEFINITION OF A CHILD.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (h) of section 17a-93 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2012*):

4 (h) "Child care facility" means a congregate residential setting  
5 licensed by the Department of Children and Families for the out-of-  
6 home placement of children or youths under eighteen years of age, or  
7 any person under twenty-one years of age who is in full-time  
8 attendance in a secondary school, a technical school, a college or state  
9 accredited job training program; [and was placed in a congregate  
10 residential setting prior to such person's eighteenth birthday;]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2012	17a-93(h)
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**KID**      *Joint Favorable C/R*      HS

**HS**      *Joint Favorable*

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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Children and Families associated with eliminating from the definition of a child care facility persons that were placed in a residential setting prior to such person's eighteenth birthday.

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***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 157*****AN ACT REVISING THE DEFINITION OF A CHILD CARE FACILITY  
TO CONFORM WITH THE DEFINITION OF A CHILD.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill raises the maximum age of a person placed for the first time in a child care facility from under age 18 to under age 21. By law, child care facilities are congregate residential settings licensed by the Department of Children and Families (DCF). The DCF commissioner can petition a court for permission to place a child committed to her custody in such a facility if the child cannot be satisfactorily cared for in a foster home because he or she has developmental or physical disabilities, mental illness, emotional issues, or behavioral disorders.

Currently, someone between ages 18 and 21 may be placed in such a facility only if he or she attends a secondary school, technical school, college, or state accredited job training program full-time and was first placed before his or her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2012

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Select Committee on Children

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 8      Nay 0      (03/08/2012)

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16      Nay 0      (03/22/2012)